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Hongkong, August 10, 1885. 1357

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Hongkong, July 30, 1884. 1237

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The Steamship *Albany*, Commander

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August 11, 1885.

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The Co.'s Steamship *Thales*,

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The Co.'s Steamship *Kong Beng*,

Captain R. Jones, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 p.m.

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YUEN FAT HONG,

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Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1384

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FOR SINGAPORE.

The Steamship *Empress*,

Capt. MITCHELL, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1376

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The Co.'s Steamship *Pachili*,

Captain S. Shih, will be despatched as above on

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Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1381

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSU.

The Co.'s Chartered Steamship *Anatida*,

Captain PARK, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 15th instant, at 2 p.m.

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Hongkong, August 12, 1885. 1379

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20 per cent. of the weapons and flags have been returned to the Chinese general. Ts'ien therefore begs that the Tsung-li Yamen be instructed to inform the French that these arms &c. were distributed before the cessation of hostilities and cannot now be recovered, so that they may not be made a ground of complaint in any future trouble with the natives. No answer having been received to his request, that the country to the West of Hsien-hwa and Hsing-hua might be included in Yunnan, the Thibetans irregulars, who remain with their standards, lest, if they continued to occupy their original posts, fresh trouble might arise, have been for the present posted about Chih Kuan Sui and Anping. A request by the Governor and Treasurer of Hsing-hua to be allowed to migrate with their followers into Yunnan was refused, and they were given Tls. 4,000 and told to remain quiet. (These are now said to be leaders of a new revolt). Sixty 130-battalions are now posted along the frontier (say 70,000 men). Ts'ien requests that, as he does not understand international trade, Li Hung-chang be ordered to send some officer well known to the French chiefs to assist a local deputy by him in arranging matters with the French officials.

THREE reports of Liu Ming-chuan's from Formosa published in the *Shen Pao* of the 29th July, contain some interesting information. The first accuses the Taotai Liu Ao of aiding and abetting the farmer of the opium lekin in counterfeiting over Tls. 40,000. While the ports were shut, the farmer declared he could pay nothing to government, but went on collecting lekin as before. When summoned, he declined to appear. Liu Ao failed to find out that this vast sum had been collected, and at the end of last year reported that, from dearth of funds, he feared some of the forces must be disbanded. In May he proposed to increase the amount paid by the farmer of lekin to Tls. 100,000 a year, and to retain the former farmer. And he persisted in doing this, in spite of Liu's negative proposal. Truly Chinese patriotism begins at home!

The war seems to have disorganized Formosan officialdom, as we find a district magistrate persisting in extorting Tls. 8,000 from a gentleman of his district, although Liu Ming-chuan had allowed Tls. 6,000 of the amount to be foregone on account of the equipment of 200 local troops, with whom the gentleman fought well at Keelung. The magistrate pleaded that Keelung had nothing to do with his people's contributions!

Twenty-eight Annamites, and 15 French soldiers (Foreign Legion men, presumably, as nine were Germans and two Dutch) joined the Chinese in Formosa. The Annamites have been sent home, and the rest drafted as instructors to various regiments. They will be provided with funds to go home when they want to. Most of the houses within 5 li of Keelung and the public offices have been burnt down, the fields are lying fallow, and many men have suffered in resisting the foe. In view of the peculiar calamities that have befallen Keelung, Liu asks authority to issue relief from the contribution fund of Tamsui.

ACCORDING to the *Singapore Free Press* there seems to be a probability of the Bankruptcy Laws and the Registration of Partnerships in the Straits Settlements being brought prominently before the Government and people of the sister colony. Our contemporary says:—"With reference to the letter of the Chamber of Commerce to the Government about the state of the Bankruptcy law and the Registration of Partnerships, we hear that it is likely that the Hon. T. Sheldford, at an early meeting of the Legislative Council, may ask for a Commission to be appointed, and that the Council are likely to grant it readily. We hope it may be the commencement of a series of reforms in mercantile law in the Straits, which can only be accomplished by the concerted action of the Chamber of Commerce and the Government." These matters which have been frequently and fully discussed and considered here, yet at the present moment we are, apparently, as far from adopting any practical reforms as ever. The Government are in full possession of all the information that it is possible to learn on the subjects, which have more than once been minutely investigated by men well qualified to examine and report on them, yet still they refrain from even trying to frame laws and rules which will be bound to exert a salutary reform in the present unsatisfactory system. Why this should be so is not very clear. Possibly Government are waiting on the energetic Commission appointed some years ago to revise and reorganize the local ordinances, to do something. The hope seems a vain one, for if all we hear be true, the prodigious labours of this Commission, which instead of facilitating the improvement of the law, must have interfered with reforms in many particular instances, are still far from completion. In the meantime, it is useless for us to argue anything, as the Executive would no doubt turn a deaf ear to the suggestions, but we would earnestly impress on the unofficial members of the Council the necessity for keeping the subject in mind, and of urging the Government, at the earliest possible moment, to take immediate steps to frame bankruptcy and partnership laws suited to the needs of the place. We would strongly advise members not to suggest communi-

they more frequently hang round the neck of reform like mill-stones than prove of real assistance.

Mr Alexander Amador, Esq. da Silva has cautioned the public, in the columns of yesterday's *Daily Press*, against accepting certain ex parte statements contained in an affidavit sworn to by Mrs Spratt. The affidavit was read in the Supreme Court on the 10th, and was published in our issue of the same evening; and Mr. da Silva complains that the publication of the affidavit took place in spite of the fact that personally and through a solicitor he asked the Editor of the *China Mail* to omit the document from the report of the case. On the 11th, he saw the defendant and others gambling at a table placed at the side of the roadway in Tung-wa Lane. A Chinese constable was standing near. Witness arrested the defendant and found \$1.15 on the table.

Defendant was fined \$2, or seven days' hard labour; the fine to go to the Poor Box.

Lam Achung, P.C. 239, the luke who was seen by P.C. Ismail standing within two or three yards of the defendant in the last case while the gambling was going on in Tang-wa Lane, was charged with neglect of duty.

P.C. Ismail stated that when he arrested the gambler he took him and the table on which the gambling had been carried on to defendant, while he looked for a coolie to carry the table up to the station. When he came back with a coolie, he found the table gone and defendant had been removed by galloping away. An attempt was made to capture the miscreant. Private Ramfrits was then summoned and placed in custody of the guard.

Great excitement prevails. The guard assigned for the murders was that the man had been unjustly reduced from the rank of native a short time back.

THE KASHIOP MISSION.

Lahore, July 22.—Misses Carey and Ney Elias crossed the Barabha Pass into Linting on the 7th inst. All of the party are well.

MEDICAL RELIEF BILL.

London, 24th July.—The House of Commons last night adopted an amendment to Mr. Collings' bill to prevent disfranchisement by the receipt of medical relief, by 120 votes against 130, which was tantamount to a defeat of the Government. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach thereupon declined to be further responsible for the bill.

London, 25th July.—The House of Commons ready for the third time Mr. Collings' Medical Relief Bill. The Government had announced to the House that they would not oppose the passing of it.

THE AFGHAN DIFFICULTY.

Lahore, 25th July.—Rumours are current of an *émeute* at Cabul but nothing is known officially. The British envoy at present at Peshawar received orders to proceed to Cabul forthwith. Captain Peacocke and Capt. Yate were still in Herat on the 16th.

It is reported that four thousand men, armed with breechloaders, are on their way from Cabul by direct highroad to Kandahar, Colonel Ridgway, with the mission, went to Cabul on the 18th, and 26 miles southwest of Herat, Colonel Lockhart has passed the Kunar Pass in three feet of snow and the party are now well on the way to Asmar valley. Heavy rain is falling in Asmar, causing several complete isolations owing to breaks on three bridges, Oudh and Rohilkund Railway.

Tebri, 25th July.—The Persian Government intends to construct a Telegraph line between Meshed and Sarakha.

St. Petersburg, 25th July.—The Trans-Siberian railway will probably be connected with Krasnodar.

London, 24th July.—The *Daily News* publishes a telegram stating that Lord Salisbury has been proposed to the Russian Government that Russian troops occupying advanced positions at Zulikar should be withdrawn, and the Russian Government have replied favourably, stipulating that the Afghans should not occupy the positions evacuated by them.

Lahore, July 26.—The Amir, on receipt of the firman of the Empress conferring on him the G.C.S.I., fired a salute of 100 guns. Cabul was illuminated for three nights. Copies of the firman were posted in a conspicuous place for the information of the public. The assumption of the title has been proclaimed throughout the Amir's dominions.

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